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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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- 1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the continuation application filed 1 March 2002.
- 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-20 renumbered as 1-18.
- 3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
- 4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 - 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/123,945.
 - 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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- 5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
- 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's arguments regarding Rayner of record with respect to the amended claims 1, 4, 12, 20 are persuasive.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-20 renumbered as 1-18 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not disclose or make obvious recalculating a frame range data in an edit decision list (EDL) having a first and last edit decisions in response to user manipulation of an input device identifying edit data and a modification to said edit data and integrating the recalculated frame range data within the boundaries delimited by said first and last edit decisions. These distinct features are present in all independent claims 1, 4, 12, 20.

Claims 5-11, 13-19 being further limiting and definite are also allowable.

The closest prior art reference of record Craven et al (US 5,649,171), cited in the parent application 09/123,945, now US Patent 6,381,608, discloses a method and system that create a tree-like EDL database containing a full historical record documenting every step of the editing process, thus allowing re-editing or undoing editing effects to recover early stages of the editing process. However, Craven does not disclose recalculating frame range data applicable to edit data identified in response to user input, to integrate the recalculated frame range data within the boundaries delimited by first and last edit decisions as claimed by applicant.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Reimer et al (US 5,553,221) teach enabling the creation of personalized movie presentations and personalized movie collections.

Langford et al (US 5,206,929) teach off-line editing system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uyen T. Le whose telephone number is 703-305-4134. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 703-308-1436. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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